

Granville County Tobacco Growers Organize.

Messrs. Editors: According to appointment, on the 28th of November, the tobacco growers of Granville County met in mass-meeting to hear Bro. S. C. Adams, President of the Protective Association, make his address, which was entertaining and convincing. All farmers present, saw from his truthful argument that the time is ripe for organization, and especially so in an organization that proposed to deal out justice and equity, without interfering with other people in the least; but would bring about good results. The meeting was large and very enthusiastic; a standing vote after the speech was called for by President Adams, testing their sincerity, as relates to joining clubs in their respective neighborhoods. All the farmers stood up, signifying that they were ready to enlist in the work of the Association at once, and push the Tobacco Growers' Protective Association to its desired purpose.

After Brother Adams's speech, the county President announced that it was understood that the County Tobacco Growers' Protective Association would reorganize; which was done, resulting in the election of a set of first-class officers; including organizers in each township and two sales committeemen for the county at large. Granville is in good shape to organize clubs all over the county in thirty days; I trust that the organizers in their respective townships will push forward the work of organizing as early as practicable, and set an example to our neighbor counties worthy of their imitation.

M. W. B. VEAZEY.

Granville Co., N. C.

Organizing Farmers in Wake and Johnston Counties.

Messrs. Editors: The reports coming from State Lecturer Cates indicate a genuine Alliance revival in Johnston County. This is very gratifying, for Johnston is a large county, populated with fine farmers, and their influence along the lines of co-operation will be very helpful to the farmers of the State, and especially the cotton farmers.

If there has ever been a time when the cotton farmers needed organization more than at any other time, this seems to me to be that particular time. If our cotton farmers were only thoroughly organized, as they were in the days of the jute bagging trust, they could easily control the situation. But they are organizing, and the outlook is hopeful. Brother Cates will begin work in Wake County the 10th, at Cary. He will speak there at 2 o'clock in the evening, and will go from there to White Oak Alliance and speak that night. Monday, the 12th, he will be at Olive's Chapel, and speak at 2 o'clock; will be at Holly Springs the 13th, at 12 o'clock; Fuquay, the 14th, at 1 o'clock, and Hollands Church, the 15th, at 12 o'clock.

Other appointments will be announced in next week's Progressive

Farmer. I trust there will be a good turn-out of the farmers at each of Brother Cates's appointments, and that he will succeed in reorganizing a strong sub Alliance at each place he visits where there is not already one in good working condition.

T. B. PARKER, Secretary.

An Appeal to Ginners and Cotton Producers.

Messrs. Editors: The world through the cotton growers report have found out about what the cotton crop will be. Speculators with the apparent aid of manufacturers have combined to get the balance of the crop for less than ten cents, they getting both our profits for last crop and getting our cotton for less than it is worth. The producer should get ten cents for his cotton, and no less.

I hereby propose a plan which seems plain and practicable and thorough, using the same source that gives the official information that has put the price down. The plan is this, every newspaper in the South joining in this effort:

Let the leading paper in every cotton county of every State get from the reporter of the gins the ginners' names and urge them to see every customer, urging all to hold their cotton for ten cents. If any grower owes his merchant, let him turn over the cotton to be held. If not in debt but needing money for immediate use, he can borrow from any party or bank with his cotton as collateral. Then as the demand requires, let the cotton be sold at ten cents—no less. Then the surplus will be left in the hands of those that are not willing to sell at that price.

L. R. WYATT,

Farmer and Ginner.

Wake Co., N. C.

Amount of Cotton Ginned.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The Census Bureau to-day issued a report by States and Territories of the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1904 up to November 14, showing that 29,611 gineries had been operated this season up to that time and that these had ginned 9,906,057 running bales. Counting round bales as half bales the number is 9,786,646.

To the same date last year the running bales ginned numbered 7,070,437, which proved to be 69.4 per cent of the entire crop of the year. The ginning output in running bales, by States for the present year, up to November 14th, was as follows:

Alabama, 1,073,819; Arkansas, 556,433; Florida, 60,291; Georgia, 1,545,513; Indian Territory, 321,981; Kentucky, 850; Louisiana, 678,970; Mississippi, 1,051,906; Missouri, 28,217; North Carolina, 519,427; Oklahoma, 229,939; South Carolina, 930,713; Tennessee, 196,687; Texas, 2,727,193; Virginia, 11,518.

"They do say that what the world is suffering for is not so much precept as a few shining examples."

Wake County R. F. D. Carriers Organize.

Messrs. Editors: The Wake County Rural Free Delivery Letter Carriers met at the court-house in Raleigh, N. C., Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, and organized. The constitution and by-laws, is in the main, as follows:

Article I.—Name.—The name of this association shall be the Rural Letter Carriers' Association of Wake County.

Article II.—Object.—The purpose of this society shall be fraternal and for the study and adoption of the best methods of performing the duties of the Rural Free Delivery Service and to strive to increase revenues to the Government; also to seek improvement in the condition of all its members, and to co-operate at all times with the Department for the advancement of the rural service.

Article III.—Membership.—Every qualified carrier or substitute carrier of this county or any near-by county that has not enough carriers to form an organization shall be eligible to membership in this association.

Article IV.—Meetings.—This association shall meet Thanksgiving Day, February 22nd and July the 4th of each year at such place as shall be designated at the previous meeting.

Article V.—Officers.—There shall be an executive board, consisting of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and three members who shall be elected by this association. Officers and members of the executive board shall serve one year or until their successors are appointed.

Article VI.—Quorum.—A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII.—Each member shall pay into the treasury of the association the sum of fifty cents when he is enrolled and once each year thereafter. This amount shall be expended to defray county expenses.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Thaddeus Ivey, of Carey, R. F. D. No. 1; Vice-President, C. L. Allen, of Rogers' Store, R. F. D. No. 1; Secretary, Arch. J. Wood, Anex, R. F. D. No. 2; Treasurer, Zola J. Suggs, Raleigh, R. F. D. No. 4.

Executive Committee: E. H. Ragan, of New Hill, R. F. D. No. 1; L. W. Perry, Neuse, R. F. D. No. 1; I. L. B. Penney, Lillian, R. F. D. No. 1.

The following members were enrolled:

Zola J. Suggs, Raleigh, No. 4; L. W. Perry, Neuse, No. 1; O. M. Marshburn, Raleigh, No. 5; W. H. Allen, Neuse, No. 2; D. C. Beck, Raleigh, No. 1; T. Ivey, Cary, No. 1; L. M. Stephenson, Raleigh, No. 3; A. H. Ivey, Cary, No. 2; Wiley Roberson, Raleigh, No. 7; C. L. Allen, Rogers' Store, No. 1; Arch. J. Wood, Apex, No. 2; Sidney G. Wray, Rogers' Store, No. 2; A. D. Upchurch, Apex, No. 1; I. L. B. Penny, Lillian, No. 1; L. H. Upchurch, Apex, No. 3; A. H. Ragan, New Hill, No. 1; J. C. Burns, substitute, Apex, No. 2; A. C. Wray,

Rogers' Store, No. 2; Samuel B. Wray, Rogers' Store, No. 1.

The association will meet at Raleigh, N. C., on February 22, 1905, at 12 o'clock m. All carriers and substitute carriers in Wake and adjoining counties are respectfully requested to join this association. Upon motion, the Secretary was ordered to furnish each of the county newspapers, including The Progressive Farmer, the State organ, a copy of the proceedings for publication. Full information and receipt for membership can be had upon application to

ARCH. J. WOOD, Sec.,

Apex, N. C.

Meeting of the National Grange.

At the recent meeting of the National Grange in Portland, Oregon, Aaron Jones was re-elected master.

The secretary's report states the growth of the order during the year as follows:

"A total of 281 new granges have been organized. The membership ranges from the required 13 in each grange to 200, making a tremendous gain. The granges organized in each State are: California, 3; Illinois, 4; Indiana, 21; Kansas, 1; Maine, 17; Massachusetts, 6; Maryland, 16; Michigan, 64; New Jersey, 12; New York, 34; Ohio, 22; Pennsylvania, 33; Rhode Island, 1; South Carolina, 1; Texas, 1; Vermont, 16; Washington, 15; West Virginia, 3."

Resolutions were adopted as below:

1. Favoring the Curry Good Road Bill in Oregon, and the appropriation of \$24,000,000 for improvement of public highways in every State and Territory, under certain conditions.

2. Favoring the prohibition, under penalty of loss of office, together with fine or imprisonment, of the accepting of a railroad pass by a member of Congress or of a State Legislature.

3. Favoring postal savings banks.

4. Favoring the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration at The Hague, and treaties with all foreign nations on arbitration for settlement of all difficult international questions.

5. Making Indian corn the "floral emblem" of the Grange.

6. Refusing the password to members who have not paid dues for the year.

7. Favoring greatly increased power for the Interstate Commerce Commission, so as to make its decision binding like those of a court.

8. Asking for a law prohibiting the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers within the United States.

9. Directing the legislative committee to take steps in all units of the Grange organization for the preservation of the Grout oleo law in its present form.

10. Favoring the parcel post, on condition that it be self-sustaining.

Columbus County Farmers' Alliance.

The Columbus County Farmers' Alliance will meet with Ward's Sub Alliance on the second Thursday in January, 1905. A full delegation is requested as there is important business. The public is invited, as there will be speaking by Prof. Koonce and others.

J. R. BALDWIN,
Secretary and Treasurer.